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FOR: METHOD AND OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC  
ACID SEQUENCE VARIATIONS

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present  
application, please consider the following  
remarks.

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**Remarks**

A final Office Action (Paper No. 12) in the parent application presented: (1) a rejection of claims 1-5, 14-18 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,681,705 ("Schram"); (2) a group of claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) based on Schram as the primary reference; (3) a group of claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) based on U.S. Patent No. 4,851,331 ("Vary") as the primary reference; and (4) an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15-18 and 24 over claims 3, 7, 10 and 13 of Schram. Each of these issues is addressed below.